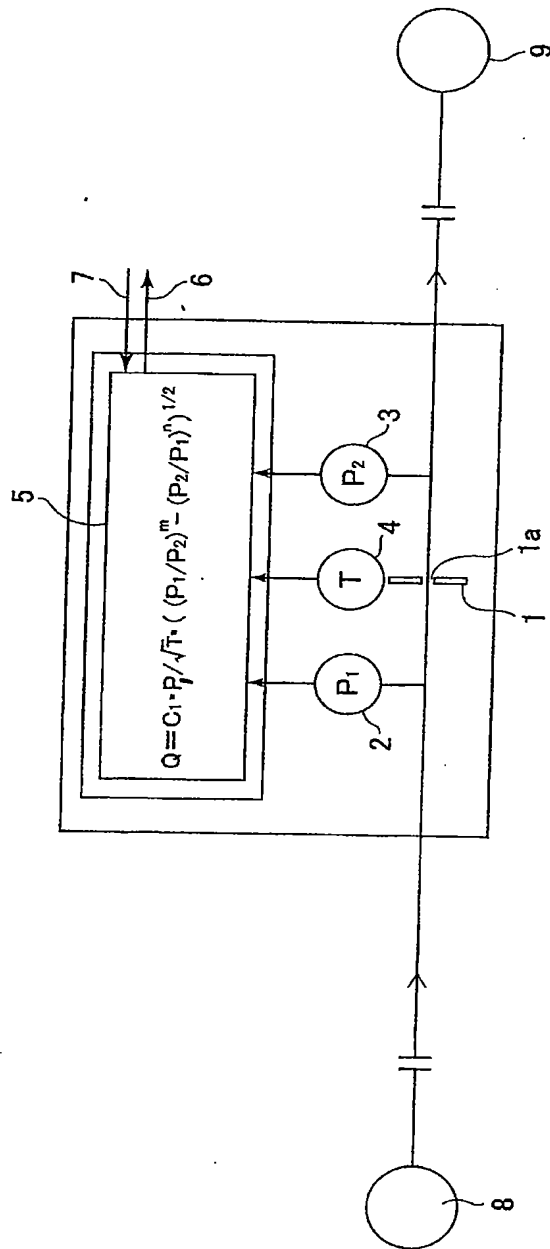


FIG. 1



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FIG. 14

Prior Art

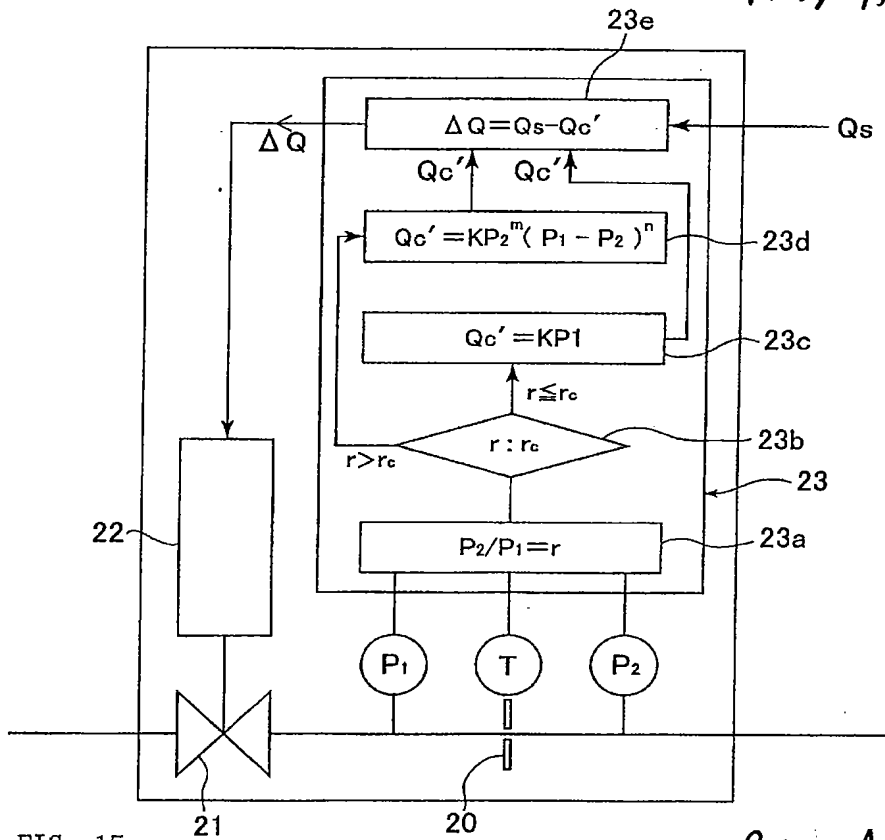
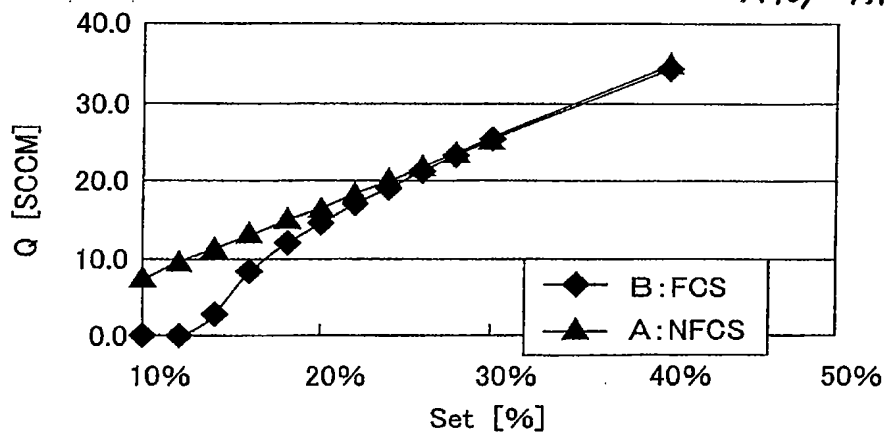


FIG. 15

Prior Art



IV. REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner formally acknowledge Applicants' priority claim and receipt of copies of the certified copies of Applicants' foreign priority document(s) from the International Bureau.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 12-16 have been allowed (Office Action, dated August 27, 2007, at 5, line 2). Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that claims 4, 5, 6, 8 and 17 contain allowable subject matter (Office Action, dated August 27, 2007, at 5, lines 3-8).

The specification has been amended to address minor informalities. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72. Figures 1 and 10 have been amended to correct a typographical error. Figures 14 and 15 have been amended to label them "PRIOR ART."

Claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 7-10 and 12-17 have been amended, and new claims 18 and 19 have been added. Specifically, claims 2, 3, 7, 9 and 12-16 have been amended to improve grammar, punctuation and form, and not for a reason related to patentability. Therefore, the present amendment has no further limiting effect on the scope of these claims.

Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of base claim 1, and to improve grammar, punctuation and form. Therefore, the present amendment has no further limiting effect on the scope of claim 4.

Claim 8 has been amended to improve grammar, punctuation and form, and to recite "the switching valve comprises a No.1 switching valve including a first driving cylinder and a No.2 switching valve including a second driving cylinder" as supported by original claims 4 and 8. Claim 10 has been amended to improve grammar and punctuation, and to depend

upon new claim 18. Claim 17 has been amended to improve grammar and punctuation, and not for a reason related to patentability. Therefore, the present amendment has no further limiting effect on the scope of claim 17.

New claim 18 corresponds to previous claims 4 and 5 rewritten in independent form, and includes amendment to improve grammar, punctuation and form. New claim 19 corresponds to previous claims 4 and 6 rewritten in independent form, and includes amendment to improve grammar, punctuation and form.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the above-captioned application.

V. CONCLUSION:

By the present amendment, the specification, abstract, and drawings have been placed in compliance with requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).


In view of the present amendment, claims 2-4, 7-10 and 12-19 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 2, 3, 7, 9 and 12-16 have been allowed. Independent claims 4, 18 and 19 incorporate allowable subject matter and are, therefore, allowable for the reasons of record. The remaining dependent claims all depend either directly or indirectly upon an allowable independent claim.

For all of the above reasons, claims 2-4, 7-10 and 12-19 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for Applicants welcomes any questions.

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